

March 18, 1998

Minutes of the annual meeting of the Spanish Fork joint river committee, Strawberry Water Users irrigation committee, representatives of the State Engineer, and others held at 11:00 a.m. in Payson, Utah.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Gary Brown and seconded by Glen Hawkins. Motion passed.

The financial report was then reviewed. Ray Whiting moved to accept the report and the motion was seconded by Alan Galt. Motion passed.

The water commissioner then give his report. He reported that the snowpack was about average in the drainage and the stream flows were above normal. He said that the flows were greater than average from last fall until now. The Syar tunnel was opened on June 9. He indicated that 250 cfs of delivery would be available through the old Strawberry tunnel with new controls. He mentioned that the contract to deliver water was from April 1 to October 1 and that he would work with the Central Utah Water Conservancy District to have the tunnel ready on time in the future. He talked about automation on the Salem and Southfield canals, controls on the Mapleton-Springville, Southfield, and East Bench canals. Also, he mentioned the future use of monitors on the Mill race and Lake Shore canals. Delivery from the tunnel stopped on September 26 except for some water released for a fish flow study. The 50,000 acre foot reserve was filled with 7,000 acre feet over that. There was 165 cfs in the river today. Snowpack is close to 100%. Last year peak flows were about 1,100 cfs which is about normal. We should expect high river flows this spring. A motion was made by Alan Galt and seconded By Glen Hawkins to accept John Mendenhall's report.

A motion was made by Glen Hawkens and seconded by Gary Brown to recommend John Mendenhall as water commissioner and Lloyd Jackson as deputy commissioner.

The budget was then considered. A motion was made by Glen Hawkins to change budget item 9 [contractual services] from \$1,200 to \$1,500. Motion passed. The budget was set at 62,000 dollars.

Lee Simm asked about including Indianola in with the Spanish Fork river distribution system and having the river commissioner include this area into his jurisdiction. The state is going to meet sometime in may with the Indianola water users about this.

Adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Addendum to March 18, 1998 minutes

The committee would like to express our sympathy at the passing away this past year of Alan Galt. Alan served for many years on the Spanish Fork joint river committee. Only in the most recent years did he retire from serving as president of that group because of age and health, but he continued to serve as a board member. As a life long farmer and water user he had a keen interest in water use and value to the people of this area . His knowledge of the behind the scenes off the record workings of this water system is now lost and will be missed.